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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Felix H. Morales Funeral Home in Houston is
2 celebrating its 90th anniversary in 2021, marking a significant
3 milestone for this venerable family-owned institution; and

4 WHEREAS, Founded by Felix and Angela Morales, Morales Funeral
5 Home opened its doors on January 31, 1931; it was the first
6 Hispanic-owned funeral home in Houston and the first to receive a
7 contract from the Harris County Commissioners Court to provide
8 burial services for indigent people; the business also established
9 the first cemetery for Hispanic people in Houston and created a
10 fraternal burial society for Hispanic subscribers, costing \$5.20 a
11 year; and

12 WHEREAS, Co-owner Angela Morales earned her funeral director
13 and embalming license in 1942, becoming one of the first Hispanic
14 women to do so; in 1946, the family also founded KLVL-AM in
15 Pasadena, one of the first Spanish-language radio stations along
16 the Gulf Coast, and Felix Morales was the first Hispanic to be named
17 to the Pasadena Hall of Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, Since 1993, Morales Funeral Home has been operated
19 by the granddaughter of Felix and Angela Morales, State
20 Representative Christina Morales, who serves as president, CEO, and
21 funeral director; since 2013, she has been assisted by her nephew,
22 Joe L. Morales, who serves as operations manager; working together
23 with their expert staff, they have made the funeral home one of the
24 signature enterprises of Houston's Second Ward; and

1 WHEREAS, Family-owned businesses that build a record of
2 dependability and longevity enjoy a special degree of esteem in
3 their communities, and the Morales family may indeed take great
4 pride in their long history of service to the people of Houston;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby commemorate the 90th anniversary of the Felix H.
8 Morales Funeral Home and extend to the Morales family and their
9 staff sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for the Morales Funeral Home as an expression of high
12 regard by the Texas House of Representatives.